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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1394

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Sections 15002 and 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to workforce investment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1394, as amended, Bass. California Workforce Investment Board: Green Collar Jobs Council.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), and requires the board to establish a committee known as the Green Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of specified members, and requires the GCJC to perform certain functions and duties, including the development of a strategic initiative, relating to the training and development of a skilled workforce to meet the needs of California's emerging green economy.

This bill would authorize the ~~GCJC~~ CWIB to accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods, or services from federal and state ~~governmental~~ entities, ~~local~~ philanthropic organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative. *The bill would require that all revenues received pursuant to those provisions be deposited into a green collar jobs account required to be established by the Employment Development Department in the state Treasury, and would require that revenue received by the department only be expended for the purpose of awarding workforce training grants implementing the strategic initiative.* The bill would require the GCJC to ~~confer~~ consult with appropriate

state and local agencies to *identify opportunities* to coordinate the award of specified federal grant funds and green workforce training funds received by the state, ~~and to make a finding that a proposed program or expenditure is consistent with the purposes of the above-described initiative, prior to authorizing the expenditure of funds made available to the state pursuant to The Federal under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any other funding sources.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15002 of the Unemployment Insurance
2 Code is amended to read:
3 15002. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board
4 (CWIB) shall establish a special committee known as the Green
5 Collar Jobs Council (GCJC), comprised of the appropriate
6 representatives from the CWIB existing membership, including
7 the K–12 representative, the California Community Colleges
8 representative, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
9 representative, the Employment Development Department
10 representative, *the Department of Industrial Relations*
11 *representative*, and other appropriate members. ~~The CWIB may~~
12 ~~call on other state agencies, other higher education representatives,~~
13 ~~and industry representatives as well as philanthropic,~~
14 ~~nongovernmental, and environmental groups as appropriate and~~
15 ~~necessary to serve as consultants to the GCJC in the development~~
16 ~~of this strategic initiative. The GCJC may consult with other state~~
17 ~~agencies, other higher education representatives, local workforce~~
18 ~~investment boards, and industry representatives as well as~~
19 ~~philanthropic, nongovernmental, and environmental groups, as~~
20 ~~appropriate, in the development of the strategic initiative.~~
21 (b) As part of the strategic initiative the GCJC shall ~~identify~~
22 ~~and develop focus on developing~~ the framework, funding,
23 strategies, programs, policies, *and* partnerships, and opportunities
24 necessary to address the growing need for a highly skilled and
25 well-trained workforce to meet the needs of California's emerging
26 green economy. The GCJC shall do all of the following:
27 (1) Assist in identifying and linking green collar job
28 opportunities with workforce development training opportunities

1 in local workforce investment areas (LWIAs), encouraging regional
2 collaboration among LWIAs to meet regional economic demands.

3 *(2) Align workforce development activities with regional*
4 *economic recovery and growth strategies.*

5 ~~(2)~~

6 *(3) Develop public, private, philanthropic, and nongovernmental*
7 *partnerships to build and expand the state's workforce development*
8 *programs, network, and infrastructure.*

9 ~~(3)~~

10 ~~(4) Provide policy guidance for job training programs in the~~
11 ~~clean and green technology sectors to assist and to job training~~
12 ~~programs for the clean and green technology sectors to help them~~
13 *prepare specific populations, such as at-risk youth, displaced*
14 *workers, veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, and others*
15 *facing barriers to employment.*

16 ~~(4)~~

17 *(5) Develop, collect, interpret, and distribute statewide and*
18 *regional labor market data on California's new and emerging green*
19 *industries new and emerging green industry workforce needs,*
20 *trends, and job growth.*

21 ~~(5) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on~~
22 ~~how to expand and leverage these funds.~~

23 ~~(6) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.~~

24 ~~(e) The GCJC may accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods,~~
25 ~~or services from federal and state public entities, local philanthropic~~
26 ~~organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating~~
27 ~~to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative,~~
28 ~~as described in subdivision (b).~~

29 *(6) Collaborate with community colleges and other educational*
30 *institutions, registered apprenticeship programs, business and*
31 *labor organizations, community-based and philanthropic*
32 *organizations to align workforce development services with*
33 *strategies for regional economic development.*

34 *(7) Identify funding resources and make recommendations on*
35 *how to expand and leverage existing resources.*

36 ~~(8) Foster regional collaboratives in the green economic sector.~~

37 *(c) The CWIB may accept any revenues, moneys, grants, goods,*
38 *or services from federal and state entities, philanthropic*
39 *organizations, and other sources, to be used for purposes relating*
40 *to the administration and implementation of the strategic initiative,*

1 *as described in subdivision (b). The CWIB shall also ensure the*
2 *highest level of transparency and accountability and make*
3 *information available on the CWIB Internet Web site.*

4 *(d) All revenues received under subdivision (c) shall be*
5 *deposited into a green collar jobs account established in the State*
6 *Treasury by the department.*

7 *(e) Revenue received by the department pursuant to subdivision*
8 *(d) shall only be expended for the purpose of awarding workforce*
9 *training grants implementing the strategic initiative.*

10 *(f) The GCJC, in collaboration with the department shall be*
11 *responsible for soliciting and reviewing grant applications, and*
12 *making grant funding recommendations to the CWIB. Grants shall*
13 *be awarded within 120 days of receipt of any funding for that*
14 *purpose.*

15 SEC. 2. Section 15003 of the Unemployment Insurance Code
16 is amended to read:

17 ~~15003. (a) On or before April 1, 2009, and annually each April~~
18 ~~1 thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on the status~~
19 ~~of GCJC activities and its development of a green workforce~~
20 ~~strategic initiative.~~

21 ~~(b) The GCJC shall also confer with the appropriate state and~~
22 ~~local agencies to coordinate the award of grant funds and green~~
23 ~~workforce training funds received by the state under the federal~~
24 ~~American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R.1).~~

25 ~~(c) The GCJC shall make a finding that a proposed program or~~
26 ~~expenditure to be funded pursuant to subdivision (b) is consistent~~
27 ~~with the strategic initiative described in subdivision (a) and (b) of~~
28 ~~Section 15002, prior to authorizing the expenditure of any funds~~
29 ~~made available to the state pursuant to the federal American~~
30 ~~Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R.1).~~

31 *15003. (a) On or before April 1, 2010, and annually each*
32 *April 1 thereafter, the CWIB shall report to the Legislature on the*
33 *status of GCJC activities, grants awarded, and its development*
34 *and implementation of the green collar jobs strategic initiative.*

35 *(b) The GCJC shall also consult with the appropriate state and*
36 *local agencies to identify opportunities to coordinate the award*
37 *of grant and green workforce training funds received by the state*

1 *under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of*
2 *2009 (Public Law 111-5) or any other funding sources.*

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